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Status of accounts for Market Intervention Scheme implemented in Southern States

SI. No.	Year	State	Commodity	Status of accounts
1.	1996-1997	Andhra Pradesh	Red chillies	Accounts not submitted by State Government
2.	2002-2003	Karnataka	Arecanut	-Do-
3.	2003-2004	Andhra Pradesh	Red chillies	-Do-

MRP of drugs

1051. SHRI K.B.KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in Karnataka, customers are being exploited in the name of local taxes and that the maximum retail price (MRP) of drugs was exclusive of taxes; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider restructuring of MRP to include all taxes on medicines in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Durgs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO 95), prices of both Scheduled and non-Scheduled formulations are printed as "retail price not to exceed ....local taxes extra". Representations have been received from time to time that the provisions of the DPCO 95 should be amended for printing the retail prices of all medicines inclusive of all taxes. Various options are being considered for solving the problem, however, due to difference in types and rates of local taxes of states/local authorities, no proper solution has been found so far.

Imported Formulations

1052. SHRI UDAYPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a price control on imported formulations;